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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 3 through 15, with the following paragraph:

The invention further relates to a method of diagnosing or aiding in the diagnosis of neurodegenerative disease in an individual comprising obtaining a nucleic acid sample from the individual and determining the nucleotide present at nucleotide position 5254 of SEQ ID NO: 1, wherein the nucleotide position is numbered from the putative initiation codon, wherein presence of a thymine at said position is indicative of increased likelihood of neurodegenerative disease in the individual as compared with an appropriate control, e.g., an individual having a cytosine at said position. The invention also relates to a method of diagnosing or aiding in the diagnosis of

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